

TWICE WOUNDED, COMING HERE TO REGAIN HEALTH

Howard Wilson, Fresh From
Trenches, Will Visit Mother
in Honolulu

After being wounded twice in France where he has been doing his "bit" in the trenches with the forces of the Allies, Howard Wilson, half-brother of W. G. Chalmers of the Pacific Engineering Co., will return to Honolulu soon to visit his mother and incidentally regain his strength before going back to the war.

Young Wilson, who came to Honolulu about three years ago, went to Canada shortly after arriving here and joined the Canadian expeditionary forces. He was soon sent to France where he saw active service in the trenches. He was twice wounded, first in the neck and then in the shoulder, the last wound disabling him.

Although rendered physically unfit for further trench fighting by the Hun bullet, Mr. Wilson intends to return to Canada after he has visited with his mother for a few weeks, and take his place in the ranks of those who are doing their "bit" back of the firing line. Chalmers has a brother in the Canadian army in France.

LITTLE CHANCE OF CHEAP SUGAR SAYS SPRECKELS

There is little chance of any decrease in sugar prices during the remaining months of 1917, says the San Francisco Examiner of August 24.

It is not likely that national control of sugar will be brought about for some time.

These opinions and others about the cost and prices of sugar were expressed yesterday by Claus A. Spreckels, president of the Federal Sugar Refining Co. of New York. Spreckels, who is better known in San Francisco as "Gus" Spreckels, is here for a short business trip. Among other things he said:

"Most of the available Cuban sugar has been bought up, largely by the British. It is shipped to England raw, and I am told much of it is used there in the raw state.

"Sugar is exceedingly scarce in the United States. It will be scarce until the Louisiana crop comes in and until the beet sugar business commences to turn out this year's crop.

Prices Based on Cuban Sugar

"Sugar prices are based on the price of Cuban sugar, 96 degrees, in New York. I see by today's newspapers that this was 7.46 cents a pound. With little sugar coming from Cuba, with our own people all at the bottom of the sugar barrel—so to speak—tell me how prices can come down radically?"

"What will be done by the Federal authorities to control the sugar prices I cannot say. No one knows.

"I have heard reports that a price of about 5 cents is to be fixed for raw sugar and 6½ cents for granulated. This, understand, is the maximum.

"If this is attempted, it will be radically different from what has been done with wheat.

"The government fixes a minimum price of \$2 a bushel for wheat, and if it does not sell for that much the government proposes to guarantee the price.

Transportation Costs

"On the other hand, the suggestion is made that the government fix a maximum price for sugar, not the minimum as is being done with wheat. The proposals are totally different. I am not prepared to offer any argument as to why a wheat farmer should be guaranteed a remunerative return for his wheat and no limit on the top prices, while a beet or cane raiser should have the maximum fixed for him.

"If the price of 5 cents is fixed for raw sugar, the cane sugar of Cuba will not come to the United States; neither will cane sugar come from other countries. I cannot see how the government can compel Cuban and other foreign sugar raisers to sell at the price fixed in the United States.

"Mighty little sugar is coming to this country that has to be transported a great distance. For instance, raw sugar is cheap in Java, because there are no vessels to bring it here.

"High freights are having a constantly increasing influence on all shipments, in or out. To show what freights must be paid I can instance a shipment of sugar recently made by us to Marseilles, France. The freight was 6 cents a pound, or \$120 a short ton. The cargo was about 6000 tons. The freight was \$720,000 for the trip. I am sorry to say that I cannot see any immediate relief in prices and I have tried to explain why according to the best information I can get."

SOLDIERS RESENT REFLECTION CAST ON DEAD COMRADE

Captain Keleher in Behalf of
His Men Sets Forth Facts
of Death of Victim

That statements recently published in a local morning paper concerning the death of Pvt. John T. Domaraski, Co. L, 32nd Infantry, and which attributed his death to "Demon Rum," were absolutely without foundation, is the assertion made in a letter written to the Star-Bulletin by Capt. Geo. Keleher, commanding Co. L, 32nd Infantry, and a member of the military board which investigated the accident.

The letter, which is self-explanatory, reads as follows:

"Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,

"Honolulu, H. T.

"Sir: I am writing you this letter with a hope that you give it particular prominence, in order that the public of Honolulu may know facts instead of hallucinations as published by the Commercial Advertiser on September 1, 1917, relative to the death of the late Private John T. Domaraski, Co. L, 32nd Infantry.

"I am prompted in this action for the following reasons:

"First. I have been stationed in the Hawaiian Islands for one year and a half and have noted that your paper has always been truthful, honest and absolutely just in your items about the soldiers, sailors and marines.

"Second. The Commercial Advertiser on September 1, 1917, was not to be satisfied by writing an account, absolutely without foundation, upon the accident and death of Private Domaraski, which they attributed to 'Demon Rum's' further achievements, but they must further give their paper a name by taking this soldier's death into their editorial columns.

"Third. The officers and men of this battalion, of which I am now in command, resent this injustice and the stigma that it might possibly bear with the public.

"Fourth. This unjust defamation of the dead.

"I am in command of Co. L, 32nd Infantry, and have known Private J. T. Domaraski since he joined the company September 18, 1916. His character and service during this time was excellent. At all times he has been sober, industrious and above reproach in the performance of his duties and his conduct. I was further the president of a board of officers detailed to investigate fully into the circumstances surrounding his death. The board completed its finding and reached its conclusions today and forwarded its report to the military authorities. We had before us to testify under oath, the soldiers who were in the car, Cpl. Hodan, Battery F, 1st Field Artillery, and the conductor, engineer and brakeman of the train.

"We found the following to be facts:

"First. The approach to the crossing at which the accident occurred was such, due to trees and houses, that a train, coming from the direction that No. 30 was coming, could not be seen by a pedestrian until he was about 15 yards from it.

"Second. That Private John T. Domaraski jumped from the automobile just before the machine crossed the track but due to the proximity of the train he could not check himself or reach the other side of the track.

"Third. That this soldier's actions were not prompted by 'Demon Rum' but were those of a sober man who saw death facing him and attempted to avoid it.

"Fourth. That from the time of the accident to the time of his death he bravely faced the intense pains caused by the injuries he had received.

"Fifth. That his death resulted from the following injuries: Fracture compound comminuted both bones right leg; fracture small comminuted both bones left leg; lacerated wound just below knee 2½ inches; fracture compound skull outer table 1 inch above and 1 inch behind left external angular process; lacerated wound 4½ inches inflowing skin subcutaneous tissue and left temporal muscle extending from just above left zygoma to sagittal suture; fracture small both bones left forearm; contusion 4½ inches lower region each lateral; contusion slight 4½ inches over right trochanter; contusion slight 8½ inches external surface left thigh; lacerated wound 1½ inches above and to right of anus.

"In conclusion I will state that I defy and challenge the Commercial Advertiser to prove this unwarranted, unjust and entirely uncalled for defamation of one of our soldier dead.

"GEORGE KELEHER,
"Captain 32nd Infantry,
"Comdg. Co. L."

ELEVEN CHINESE ARE GRADUATED FROM INSTITUTE

Eleven Chinese were the first students to be graduated from the Hee Jackson Institute when they were awarded diplomas at graduation exercises held in the auditorium of the institute, Vineyard street, last Saturday night.

About 500 relatives and friends attended the exercises. Mrs. McKenzie delivered an address and John Lin, president of the Chinese oratorical society, spoke eloquently. The diplomas were awarded by President Hee Jackson after he had spoken briefly to the graduates.

Lum Dip delivered the valedictory and others who were graduated spoke in the balance of the program. Those receiving diplomas were Lum Dip, Quong Ka Yuen, Hee Ching, Hee Yuen, Chun Kam Hoy, Mrs. Wong Que, Miss Lau Tang, Hee Quai Fuen, Wong Bung Kou, Chow Kong, and Leong Yau Sung.

The Hee Jackson Institute bears the name of its founder who came to the islands twenty years ago and who formerly was the editor of a local Chinese newspaper. He founded several other schools, among them schools on Kaula, Maui and Hawaii.

RESERVE OFFICERS ARE ASSIGNED TO REGIMENTS

Assignment has been made of a number of reserve officers who received their commissions while enlisted men in the regular army. The assignments follow:

Captains—Officers' Reserve Corps: Albert Biomele, to the 1st Infantry; Ernest W. Ely, to the 2nd Infantry; James H. Barbin, to the 25th Infantry; Bishop H. Schackelford, 32nd Infantry; Victor Whitaker, 32nd Infantry; James Hawkins, 4th Cavalry; John E. McNeill, C. A. C.; James Hunter, C. A. C.

First Lieutenants, Infantry—Officers' Reserve Corps: John P. Mundt, 2nd Infantry; Charles E. McCartney, 1st Infantry; Harry R. Brown, 2nd Infantry; Hjalmar Jacobson, 32nd Infantry; John H. Williams, 32nd Infantry; Tom L. Ship, 25th Infantry; Harry G. Allen, 2nd Infantry; Harry F. Newman, 32nd Infantry; Joseph R. Parker, 25th Infantry; William D. Walters, 2nd Infantry; James L. King, 32nd Infantry; Edward G. Haumeach, 25th Infantry; James C. Armstrong, 32nd Infantry; Alva D. Stribler, 25th Infantry; Powell Miracle, 25th Infantry; Stanley H. Black, 1st Infantry; Howard Cuthbertson, 2nd Infantry; Edward J. Reeves, 25th Infantry; Morris J. Sparks, 32nd Infantry; Austin H. McDonald, 32nd Infantry; Elmer Arneson, 25th Infantry; Herbert Collignon, 2nd Infantry.

The Golden Rule degree will be conferred on three candidates by Polytechnic Encampment N. 1, I. O. O. F., at its regular meeting on Friday night.

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CALLERS PAY RESPECTS TO QUEEN LILUOKALANI

Although the usual reception was not held yesterday in honor of the birthday of Queen Liliuokalani, several visitors called during the day to bring greetings. Among these

were Governor Pinkham, Brig. Gen. Samuel I. Johnson and Delegate and Princess Kalaniana'ole.

The queen, who is now quite feeble, seemed to brighten at thought of these visits, and the letters and telegrams which came with messages of good will. She talked with several of the guests, expressing appreciation of the kindly thoughts and greetings. Col. Curtis P. Iaukea, the queen's secretary and adviser, and Mrs. Iaukea, were in attendance. The queen was 79 years of age.

John K. Stewart, who died at Centertown, L. I., a year ago, left an estate appraised at \$5,257,000.

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The Ever Welcome club will hold a meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. The officers, committee and members are requested to be present.

A delicatessen sale for the benefit of the Red Cross will be held at the corner of Beretania and Fort streets, Sept. 8, 1917.—Adv.

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